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For: System and Method for Verifying the Identity of a Remote Meter Transmitting Utility Usage Data

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Enclosed are

51 pages of specification, including 64 claims, plus 7 sheets of **FORMAL** drawings.

X An assignment of the invention to International Business Machines Corporation, Armonk, New York 10504.

A certified copy of a/an application.

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